

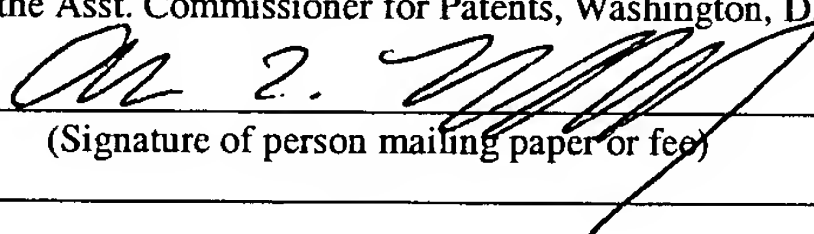
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GLASS MEMBERS FOR EXCIMER LASERS AND
SYNTHETIC QUARTZ GLASS MEMBERS FOR
EXCIMER LASER OPTICS PRODUCED BY THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 10 without prejudice.

REMARKS

This amendment is submitted to eliminate multiple dependent claims. Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone attorney for applicants at 212-682-9640.

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